GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DISABILITY CERTIFICATE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Government hospitals in Bangalore which can issue disability certificates;

(b) whether Government are aware that the physically handicapped persons are facing a lot of problems in getting physically handicapped certificates;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that the certificates are issued to the handicapped persons without much hassels;

(d) the reasons for not notifying medical institutions authorized to issue disability certificates even though the disability act was passed in the year 1996; and

(e) the steps being contemplated by the Central Government to notify the list of medical institutions immediately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (e) : National Institute for Mental Health and NeuroSciences, Bangalore issues disability certificates for mental illness, mental retardation and other neurological physical disabilities. For non-neurological disabilities, the State Government hospitals in Bangalore are authorised to issue such certificates. According to the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Rules, 1996 notified on 31.12.1996 by the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (2) of section 73 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation)Act 1995, authorities to give medical certificates will be a medical board duly constituted by the Central and the State Government. The State Government may constitute a Medical Board consisting of at least three members out of which at least one shall be a specialist in the particular field for assessing locomotor/visual including low vision/hearing and speech disability mental retardation and leprosy cured, as the case may be. Such medical boards for issuing disability certificates exist in Central Government hospitals.